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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A Regular Council Meeting open to the public, was held on Friday, October 11, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 9:16 a.m. She asked the members and guests to introduce their self. Members present: Chair Endfield, Dawnafe Whitesinger, Kathy Wynn, Velma Kaytoggy, Ranelda Hastings, Ramon Riley, and Michael Gaffney. Members absent: Jandi Hernandez, Nikina Whitaker, Shine Burnette.

Call to the Public

No calls to the Public.

Disclosure of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest disclosed.

Discussion and Possible Approval of September 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Member Whitesinger moved to approve the September 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Member Wynn seconded. Motion passed.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action for the FY2014 Native Language Preservation

Regional Director Beazley provided a review of this Strategy. She said that the strategy was approved in SFY12, and at the last meeting the Council directed that development of board books with nursery rhymes in Apache would be the priority. Regional Director Beazley provided an update on the progress. She said she had not found any nursery rhymes that were already translated into Apache. She has looked into several sources. She passed around some existing materials that she found and asked for direction if the Council would like to use the existing material, or should Regional Director Beazley identify a consultant to develop the material. Member Wynn said that she has some nursery rhymes translated that the Council could use. Regional Director Beazley also mentioned that in the sample materials that she is showing, Yavapai had identified a consultant who worked with them, the San Carlos Tribe and White Mountain Apache Tribe to develop some materials. After discussion the Council directed staff to identify a consultant, they indicated they would like to find a local consultant from WMAT as first preference. They also directed that the consultant identify some options and costs to produce some small paperback books such as the sample from Yavapai that includes nursery rhymes. They requested the proposal include costs for a few board books as well. The Council also requested staff look into if the books could be sold at cost to offset the costs to re-print.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approval of Expansion, Start-Up and/or Capital Expense and Quality First FY14

Regional Director Beazley presented the Council with some options for funding the Expansion, Start-Up strategy for SFY14. Regional Director Beazley presented several scenarios to the council with various costs for Expansion, including Quality First. After discussion, Member Whitesinger moved the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve scenario 3 which will provide funding for the Expansion, Start-Up and/or Capital Expense to the SFY14 funding plan in the amount of \$40,000, and increase Quality First in the amount of \$20,289. Based on the lack of capacity and the need for early education and child care, we further direct that a center in zip code area 85926 be given the priority for enrollment into Quality First based on the lack of capacity and need for early education and child care in this area. Member Gaffney seconded, motion passed.

After this motion, Regional Director Beazley went through the possible scenarios for funding this strategy in SFY15. She asked the Council to provide direction as to the amount to fund for SFY15. Chair Endfield tabled this discussion to be added to the SFY15 funding plan discussion.

Presentation and Discussion of SFY 2013 Quarter 4 Data And Narrative Report

Regional Director Beazley presented the SFY 2014 Quarter 4 Data and Narrative reports. She presented each strategy, highlighting some of the strategies that had excellent results for the year.

Discussion and Presentation of State Fiscal Year 2015 Strategies, Funding and Target Services Units

Regional Director Beazley presented the State Fiscal Year 2015 Strategies with proposed funding and target service units for SFY15. Senior Director Turner also provided the Council with a detailed explanation of the funding plan process and how the funds were allocated by the State Board for SFY2015.

Regional Director Beazley went through each of the SFY15 Strategies. As she presented each strategy, she asked the council for direction if they agree with the proposed funding/target service units, or propose different funding amounts or target service units. There was discussion regarding funding amounts for the Family Support strategy, the Expansion Strategy, and the new Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy. The Council directed staff to reflect the changes as discussed and prepare the Funding Plan for approval on October 28, 2013.

Regional Director Report

Monthly Report

Regional Director Beazley presented her monthly report of her activities. Regional Director Beazley highlighted the Oral Health Coalition meeting and said the Tooth Fairy from the Heber Lions club would be willing to attend a Council meeting. Regional Director Beazley also did a presentation at the Early Childhood Fair that was well attended and has several upcoming presentations. Chair Endfield suggested sponsoring the "Ooey-Gooey Lady" a Science- Math presenter who is a lot of fun to present a workshop for Early Childhood providers in the area. Council directed staff to look into seeing if other Councils in the Northeast Region would co-sponsor.

Financial Report

Regional Director Beazley presented the monthly financial reports. She said that most of the strategies are on track.

Update on Tribal approvals for the School Readiness Indicator Benchmarks

Regional Director Beazley reported that she and FTF staff from Phoenix attended Tribal meetings and obtained Tribal approval to collect data for the School Readiness Indicator Benchmarks.

General Discussion/Council Member Updates

Chair Endfield asked for any updates or discussion from Council members. Member Wynn announced that there will be a mass flu clinic on October 17, 2013 and also walk-ins can get flu shots every day at the Pharmacy at Whiteriver Hospital from 9 to 11 am.

Chair Endfield told the Council that it will be very important that all members attend the next meeting in order to approve the Funding Plan for SFY15.

Next Meeting October 28, 2013 at 3:00pm ABC Day Care Center, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941

Adjourn

Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

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Laurel Endfield, Chair



Krista Beazley, Regional Director